

CHAPTER 61.5-03-02 COURSES AND CREDIT STANDARDS

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61.5-03-02-01. Course content. Twenty-five contact hours are required every two years. At least fifteen of the required hours must be clinically related, five of which may be cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Nonclinical courses must relate to a therapist's job responsibilities. All continuing education courses related to physical therapy sponsored by the American physical therapy association, state physical therapy associations, medical institutions, or educational institutions are automatically approved. Any continuing education courses planned, sponsored, or cosponsored by the arthritis foundation, the American heart association, or other similar national or state health organizations, which meet the credit standards of section 61.5-03-02-02, are automatically approved. Any postsecondary coursework taken at an accredited educational institution will be automatically approved, provided the coursework meets the credit standards.

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61.5-03-02-02. Credit standards. The following credit standards apply to any continuing education course that is intended to meet the continuing education requirements for physical therapists or physical therapist assistants:

1. The educational activities must have significant intellectual or practical content dealing primarily with matters directly related to the practice of physical therapy or to the professional responsibility or ethical obligations of the participants.
2. Each person making a presentation at a continuing education course must be qualified by practical or academic experience to teach the subject the person covers.
3. Participants shall attend educational activities in a classroom or other setting suitable for the activity. Video, motion picture, or sound presentations may be used.
4. Credit may not be given for entertainment or recreational activities or programs, employment orientation sessions, holding an office or serving as an organizational delegate, meeting for the purpose of making policy, or noneducational association meetings.
5. Credit may not be given for meals, keynote speeches, introductory or preliminary sessions, postsession activities, and similar events associated with continuing education programs.

6. A person teaching an approved continuing education course must be awarded additional credit for preparation time not to exceed a ratio of five to one between preparation time and presentation time respectively. Presentation time counts as contact hours for continuing education purposes. This credit may be taken for only one course annually.
7. Coursework may be acquired through self-study, provided that the coursework is accompanied by appropriate written materials.

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